

ALL RECORDS BROKEN BY CONTINUED DROUGHT

Proverbial "Oldest Inhabitant" Can Remember No Such Dry Spell In Central Virginia.

FARMERS ARE IDLE FOR MONTHS

Crops Ruined or Badly Damaged, While Tobacco Planting Is at Standstill. Only Local Rains.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., June 6.—The drought, which has prevailed in this section since May 5 has been one of the most disastrous ever experienced in central Virginia. The records of the Weather Bureau, which extend back to 1871, fail to disclose a parallel in that time, while old residents declare they never saw so serious a dry spell at this season of the year. Farmers have been idle for a month. The crop will not be more than a 25 per cent yield. Corn is making no progress, and what is maturing without filling, while the fields have been used for pasture. Except in small areas where there have been local rains recently the farmers are unable to transplant their tobacco plants, and if the ground is not soaked by a good rain in the next ten days the plants will be too old to be transplanted, and this will mean practically little or no tobacco crop. The sales of the last crop on the Lynchburg market aggregated \$1,500,000. Dealers who buy for foreign markets have been unable to operate for several weeks and negro workers are losing \$5,000 a week in wages. The tobacco on sticks in the warehouses and factories cannot be touched until it is softened by damp weather. One warehouseman, who has been identified with the local market, declares such a condition has not prevailed here during his experience.

Election on Tuesday.
Lynchburg, on Tuesday, will elect seven Common Councilmen and five members of the Board of Aldermen. Both the Democrats and Socialists have nominated a full ticket. The Socialists will poll between 100 and 200 votes, and the regular nominees of the Democrats will be elected by large majorities.

J. W. Flaherty Honored.
J. W. Flaherty, of this city, who is superintendent of the Piedmont Mills, of Lynchburg, has been elected president of the Fraternal Order of Millers of America, the election taking place on Thursday night at the nineteenth annual convention of the order at Baltimore. Mr. Flaherty is superintendent of the Piedmont Mills, and is one of the best known millers in Virginia.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Randolph-Macon system will be held at Randolph-Macon College at Ashland beginning on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. It is expected that the board at this meeting will elect trustees to fill four vacancies. Nominated for these vacancies last year and approved by the Baltimore and Virginia conferences are these prospective members: Dr. J. N. Latham, of Lynchburg; Rev. John W. Shackford, of Richmond; John L. Roper, of Norfolk; and Newton Vaughan, of Ashland.

The executive committee of the Woman's College will report the largest enrollment for the past session in the history of the college, as well as to show the session to have been a highly satisfactory one from every viewpoint, and the outlook for the session of 1914-15 is bright. A report from the government laboratory at Washington shows that the examination of the head of the dog which bit the six-year-old daughter of A. S. Johnson last week, was not suffering with hydrophobia.

Campaign Is Lively.
Lynchburg is in the midst of one of the liveliest election campaigns that have been experienced in fifteen years. More than a dozen men are candidates to succeed the late G. W. Smith as Mayor. The Democratic city committee decided against a primary, and since that four Democrats have announced themselves for the position, while the Socialists have also put up a candidate. F. W. Whitaker, who was elected to the vacancy by the City Council until the election of Raymond Jester, Jr., W. H. Jordan and Dr. P. H. Casey are the Democrats, and Adon A. Yoder, the Socialist.

Yoder will have the unique distinction of being a candidate before the people in two elections in fifteen days. On Tuesday the Socialists will vote for him as member of the Board of Aldermen from the Second Ward, and again on June 22 they will vote for him for Mayor.

Since the Craddock-Terry Shoe Company acquired a large shoe concern in St. Louis, the company will largely increase the output of its three shoe factories here. About 800 additional workers are to be given employment, and the company estimates its payroll next year will be increased from \$600,000 to \$800,000. After shutting down for the Fourth of July holidays, the company will begin to enlarge its force, and by fall will be manufacturing more shoes than ever before.

Actual Gain in Values.
The taxbooks for Lynchburg, which have just been completed for the 1913 assessment, show an actual gain over last year of \$189,873 in values, despite the fact that the city bank deposits have been relieved this year of municipal taxation, and the loss of \$100,000 on the personal property books by the substitution of a license tax for automobiles in lieu of an ad valorem valuation. This indicates a real gain over last year of \$1,022,873 in values. The total assessment is \$11,829,652 for real estate, and \$10,773,967 for personal property. The net gain for the year shows an assessment of \$1,085,915 for real estate and \$196,953 for personal property. The assessment for State purposes, which will be completed in two months, Commissioner Strickland believes, will show a gain for Lynchburg over last year of \$1,250,000.

Miss Anna Manning Taylor, who is well known in Lynchburg, will sail August 22 for China, where she goes for missionary work. Miss Taylor is residing now in Chicago after a long engagement in Bible lectures.

The Retail Merchants' Association on Thursday night successfully fought a resolution pending before the Common Council, by which it was intended to remove all street show windows and vote being 1 to 12, while the resolution was vetoed by the Street Committee. The plan of a delegation of merchants was sufficient to cause a change of members to change their minds just before the vote.

Abner Bass, a merchant of Brooklyn, Campbell County, who weighs 37 pounds, is at a Lynchburg hospital for treatment for a broken leg. Mr. Bass received the fracture in a fall from a veranda at his home three weeks ago. He suffered much from the break, but did not know the bone was broken until it was photographed by X-ray here on Wednesday.

Work on Theatre Delayed.
The construction work on the motion picture theatre, here, by M. L. Hoffheimer, of Richmond, has been tied up for a week on account of inability of the contractors to get delivery of pre-painted window frames, and shipments cannot be made before June 20. The opening of the theatre will be delayed at least a month.

The commencement address will be on Tuesday morning by Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, of Richmond. The graduating class is composed of the following: Henry Davis Aston, Miss Ellie Gibson, Miss Minnie Edna Harman, Miss May Thornton Leake, Miss Evelyn M. Lewis, James Walker McGee, C. Phas A. Montgomery and William Thomas Street.

The Lynchburg Young Woman's Christian Association has purchased a site for a new building on Church Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, which is located a square from the Y. M. C. A. building. The lot cost \$10,500. This is the first step of the association looking to a building fund campaign here next fall, and a large building with dormitories is in contemplation.

The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. island playground during the month of May aggregated 5,214 men, 4,372 women and 2,593 children, a total of 12,179.

BYRD MADE ATTORNEY FOR LABOR FEDERATION

Norfolk, Va., June 6.—The executive board of the Virginia Federation of Labor, elected Richard Evelyn Byrd attorney for the federation. Mr. Byrd has held this position for several years, and has handled a number of important suits for the federation.

Following the election of Mr. Byrd the board decided to instruct him to immediately begin action to break up what the board alleges is a fraudulent scheme, in the manufacture of certain garment makers in the State. This was brought to the attention of the convention yesterday by Miss Young, of Danville.

It is alleged that there are certain makers of overalls in Virginia who stamp their goods "Union Made" and the manufacturer is not entitled to the label. In one instance it is said the label was taken from the manufacturer more than a year ago, and when this was done he adopted the subterfuge of stamping the goods and not using the official label of the garment workers' union.

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DUKE OF MECKLENBURG AND PATRICIA TO WED
London, June 6.—A new romance of royalties will be announced at an early date, in the betrothal of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and the popular Princess Patricia.

The grand duke has long been an admirer of the princess, as no one doubted who observed a marked attention he had paid to Her Royal Highness when visiting England last summer.

The illness of the Duchess of Connaught has caused the princess to take her mother's place as hostess at the Duke of Connaught to the governor-generalship of Canada. Hence the delayed announcement. The duke's term of office ends this year, and the Connaughts will again reside in England. The wedding is not expected to take place until early next year.

Fatal Accident at Party.
Lynchburg, Va., June 6.—Mrs. Mary Bruce, aged seventy-five, postmistress at Rustburg until two months ago, sustained a fractured skull last night at a high school lawn party, when she was knocked down by a young man who was playing a ring game. The accident will cause her death.

Secret Service Man Resigns.
Washington, June 6.—After guarding Presidents for more than six years, Lucien F. Wheeler, one of the Secret Service men assigned to the White House, has resigned. It was learned today, he plans to enter private business in Chicago.

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Charter Recorded.
Certificate of the charter of the "Center Hill Apartments, Inc." granted by the Corporation Commission, has been recorded in the clerk's office here. The company will erect the Center Hill apartment house, and is authorized to deal in real estate. The capital stock is \$35,000 to \$50,000, and the officers are: president, William Hodges Mann, Jr.; vice-president, Clarence Vaden, of South Richmond; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Moore, of Petersburg.

Road Work in Prince George.
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PETERSBURG CAMP IS PREPARING FOR BIG CELEBRATION

President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Other Notables Will Be Invited to Memorial at the Crater.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS
Because of His Wife's Illness, R. Randolph Jones Will Go to El Paso, Successor to Be Chosen.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, (Phone 1485), Petersburg, Va., June 6.

A. P. Hill Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, met last night and considered plans for the celebration on July 30 of the fifth anniversary of the battle of the Crater. These plans include invitations to President Wilson, Secretary of State Bryan and others of national reputation to visit Petersburg and deliver addresses, and a banquet in the evening. Tentative plans also include a parade of school children, military, secret orders and civic organizations to the Crater, where appropriate exercises are to be held and brief addresses delivered by participants in the battle. Union veterans are to be invited to participate in these exercises.

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